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HELP WANTED: CIA SEEKS KOJAK COPS, NOT 007s

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KOJAK — not James Bond, a.k.a. agent 007.

That's what the CIA is looking for as it recruits New York City detectives for its overseas war on terrorism, Mayor Koch said yesterday.

Today's terrorists "are not the terrorists of old times ... a select group of almost superspies," Koch said.

"What they have [now] is people that more resemble drug pushers."

So the CIA wants local cops who have "actually participated in anti-drug activity and anti-bomb activity," said Koch.

Experience in recruiting and working with informers is the skill of New York's Finest that is most in demand, along with well-honed investigative skills, according to Inspector Robert Burke.

The job offers glamorous overseas assignments — Paris, Rome, London — rather than the explosive volatility of Libya or Beirut, says a New York police source familiar with the CIA's recruiting pitch.

"It's a non-gun assignment," he said, in a



"fairly stable" political environment. Families can go along.

Bilingual cops are particularly prized, CIA recruiters added.

Sixty-eight cops here have taken the CIA test, out of 210 who listened to CIA recruiters last month, Burke said.

It is not known whether any have signed on.

Experience is the key — with detectives near retirement, many just at 40 — encouraged to volunteer.

Those who sign up, after a medical exam and lie detector test, will be given three-year probationary contracts.

A CIA spokesman Kathy Pherson said the agency is looking for permanent employees.

Eighteen major city police departments around

the U.S. were approached. None appears to have leaped to the challenge with the fervor of New York.

Most echoed Houston Police Chief Lee Brown, who said:

"We're kind of short-handed and we'd hate to lose anybody, especially some of our better people."

San Francisco's Chief Frank Jordan said none of his officers participated in the CIA seminar for police brass last July in Washington. He does not plan to participate in the recruitment program.